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KISS: ZOMBIES

The Rocking Dead

Missing your zombie fix now that ***Walking Dead*** has wrapped up its run? Don't worry—Dynamite, Gene Simmons, and company are ready to scratch that zombie itch.

KISS: Zombies #1, the kickoff issue of a new limited series by *Ethan Sacks & Rodney Buscemi,* proves what KISS fans have suspected all along: Their music is destined to outlive civilization itself!

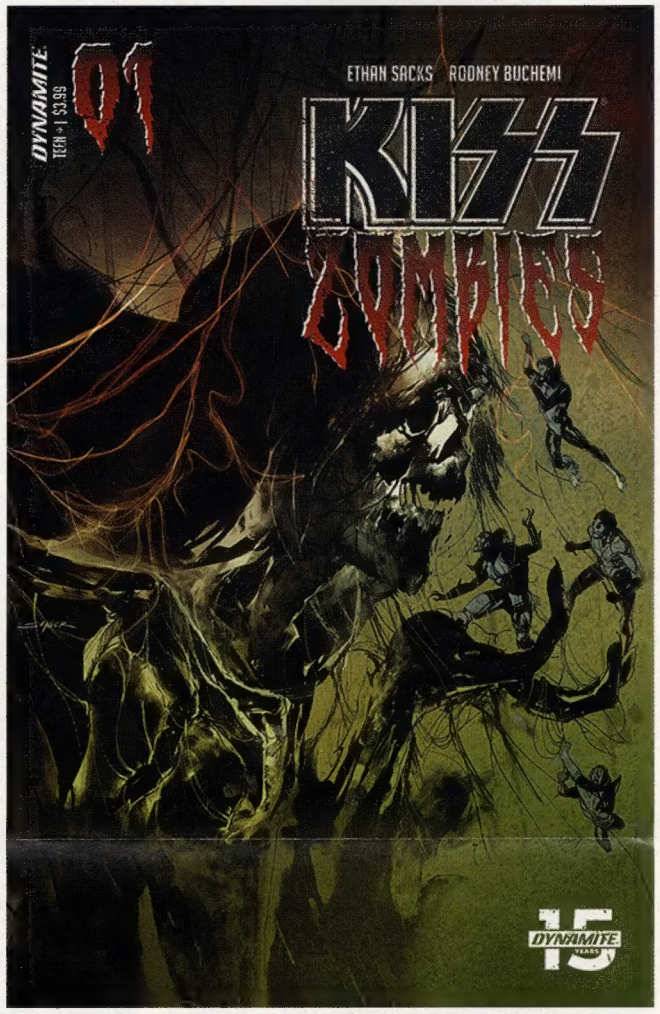
The series picks up decades after the fall of civilization, when humans have become an endangered species isolated to strongholds such as the central New Detroit (Rock City?). Since the undead are attracted to sound, music and all related iconography have been banned... especially the hard-rocking sound of the greatest kabuki-made-up band in history. However, a group of teenagers decide they're not going to take it (yeah, we know—it's not a KISS song...) and set out on a quest to track down the rock icons, who may ultimately be the ultimate weapon to turn the tide against the zombies! Writer *Ethan Sacks* has described the series as a cocktail of ***Land of the Dead, A Quiet Place, Seven Samurai,*** and even ***Footloose***! "I wanted to explore what life would be like decades into a zombie apocalypse," writer *Ethan Sacks* said, "hence the channeling of *Romero's* ***Land of the Dead.*** Now, imagine if these zombies that outnumber the human survivors were drawn to sound—well then, music would be outlawed. Then I figured if KISS suddenly entered this landscape after being cryogenically frozen since the early days of the plague, they would shout their defiance out loud!"

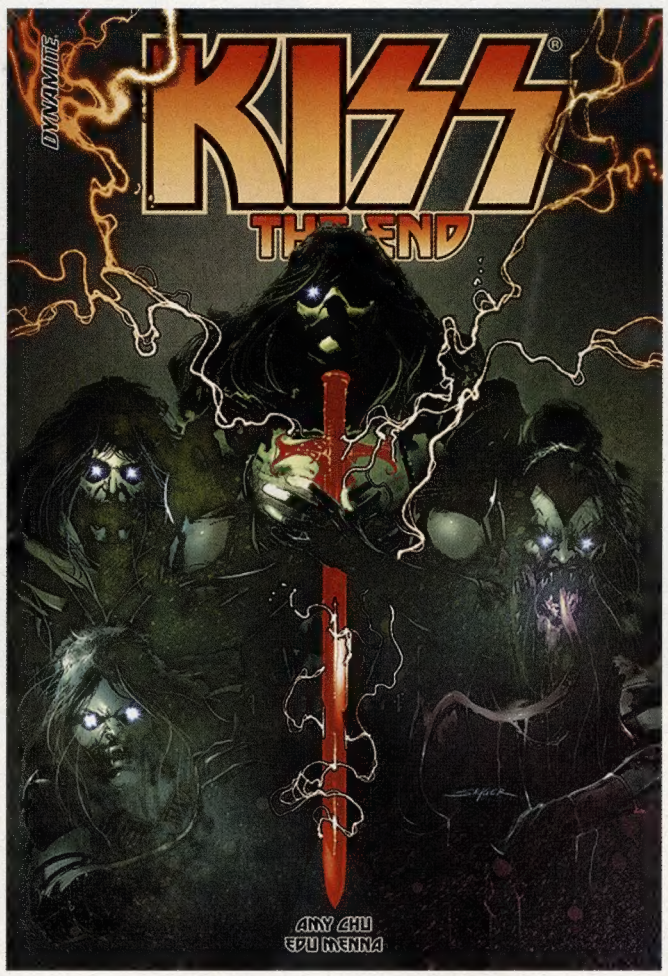
If *Ethan Sacks'* name sounds familiar, that may be because of his work for Marvel, where he's expanded the ***Old Man*** franchise to ***Hawkeye*** and ***Star-Lord*** em. But he also has a literary link to KISS. "In my two and a half decades as an entertainment journalist, one of my most proud achievements was interviewing *Gene Simmons* and *Paul Stanley* for a 40th anniversary retrospective of KISS," Sacks said. "After all, this was a band that had provided the soundtrack for much of my life, and their eerie black and white makeup aesthetic seared itself in my brain during my childhood when I first spied those album covers in an older cousin's record collection. Quite simply, this band not only rocks aurally, but they rock visually and that's stuck with me throughout my life. They look the part of larger-than-life heroes, and I would put their aesthetic up against the super-powered men and women across the shelf at the comic shop. Having had dthe privilege of speaking to Gene and Paul about the band's legacy, and again being in the press scrum during their induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame a few years ago, I just feel these guys are a major part of the soundtrack of my life.

"So, all these years later, I jumped at the chance to write a KISS comic. Then my editor, *Kevin Ketner*, went and threw in zombies, too. Allowing a *George Romero* uber-fan to pen a book about the undead is like waving slivers of brain in front of an actual zombie."

Dynamite Publisher and CEO *Nick Barrucci* explained how the whole KISS-in-a-world-of-zombies idea came about: "With each new KISS series, we try and push the mythology of this iconic band even farther and surprise fans. We've been thinking over this zombies concept for a long time, but knew a great writer was needed to execute it as well as have the needed passion for both the band and the cultural hallmark of zombies. We literally could not have found a better match than Ethan, and we're honored to work with him as he expands his career to other publishers."

KISS: Zombies marks artist *Rodney Buchemi's* second foray into the world of KISS; he also illustrated Dynamite's *KISS: Blood & Stardust* limited series that premiered last fall. "It's great to be back with KISS. The first series I did was a sensational experience," Buchemi said. "Working on Ethan's scripts has been great fun on every page and every panel. And of course, drawing zombies is fun!"





KISS: Zombies #1, scheduled for November release, will be offered with covers by *Arthur Suydam, Stuart Sayger,* and *Rodney Buchemi,* as well as a photo cover. (And for those of you who want the ultimate in collectibles, there's a $299.99 virgin variant photo cover signed by *Gene Simmons* himself!) And to make November doubly appealing for KISS fans, Dynamite is also releasing the collected edition of ***KISS: The End*** by *Amy Chu & Edu Menna* in November. And no matter what the KISS song says, you *don't* "got to choose"—you can pick up both the trade paperback *and* the first issue of the new series!

by Cliff Biggers

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Coming Comics—DC in November

DC's bringing back acetate covers for November—but don't delay in picking them up as soon as they're released, because they're only offering these special covers on the first printings of key *Year of the Villain* tie-in books. (In case you're not familiar with an acetate cover, it's a sort of double-layer cover in which part of the cover is printed on standard paper, while a top layer of the cover image is printed on a clear acetate cover sheet. The opacity of the ink on the acetate cover results in its obscuring some very surprising details of the cover art beneath—details that are fully revealed when you lift the acetate layer to view the second level of cover art.) The books that will get acetate cover treatment include:

- *Action Comics #1017*
- *Aquaman #54*
- *Batgirl #41*
- *Batman #82*
- *Batman and the Outsiders #7*
- *Batman/Superman #4*
- *Catwoman #17*
- *Deathstroke #49*
- *Detective Comics #1015*
- *Flash #82*
- *Harley Quinn #67*
- *Hawkman #18*
- *Justice League #35*
- *Justice League Dark #17*
- *Justice League Odyssey #15*
- *Nightwing #66*

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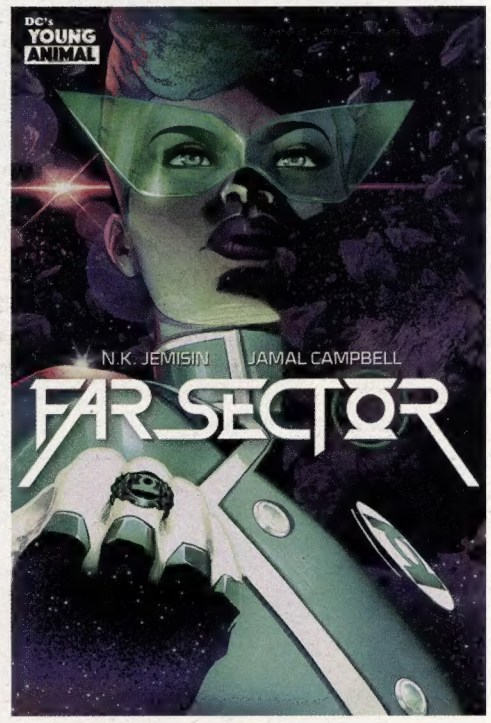
- *Red Hood: Outlaw #40*
- *Supergirl #36*
- *Superman #17*
- *Teen Titans #36*
- *The Terrifics #22*
- *Wonder Woman #82*

The world of Batman: White Knight expands with ***Batman: White Knight Presents Von Freeze #1*** (by *Sean Murphy & Klaus Janson*). On the night of Bruce Wayne's traumatic birth, Victor Fries must intervene to save the lives of Martha Wayne and the future Batman. As the evening unfolds, Victor distracts Thomas with the incredible tale of his own father figures—one a Nazi, the other a Jew—and their complex connection to Wayne Laboratories.

On Alice's sixth birthday, her dying great-aunt sent her the birthday gift she didn't know she always wanted: a big, beautiful 19th-century dollhouse, complete with a family of antique dolls. In no time at all, the dollhouse isn't just Alice's favorite toy...it's her whole world. And soon, young Alice learns she can enter the house to visit a new group of friends, straight out of a heart-warming children's novel: the Dollhouse family. But while the Dollhouse family welcome her with open arms, in the real world, her family life is becoming much more complicated...and deep within the Dollhouse's twisting halls, the black room waits, with an offer to Alice. The house can fix all this, the black room says in ***The Dollhouse Family #1***, a Hill House Comics title by *Mike Carey, Peter Gross, & Vince Locke*, with a backup story by *Joe Hill*.



For the past six months, newly chosen Green Lantern Sojourner "Jo" Mullein has been protecting the City Enduring, a massive metropolis of 20 billion people. The city has maintained peace for over 500 years by stripping its citizens of their ability to feel. As a result, violent crime is virtually unheard of, and murder is nonexistent. But that's all about to change in ***Far Sector #1*** (by *NK Jemisin & Jamal Campbell*), a Young Animal series set in the Green Lantern mythos.

Earth is at war! The villainous Union has been steadily taking over more and more of the planet after initiating the Global Culture War. In an effort to stand its ground against the Union, the Polity turns to Dr Weller and his team of five individuals who are "gen:Lock compatible"—which allows them to transfer their minds to mech suits known as Holons—in ***gen:LOCK #1*** (by *Collin Kelly, Jackson Lanzing, Carlo Barberi, & Walden Wong*).

DC's ads-and-all Facsimile Edition for November is ***Green Lantern #85***, the famous *Dennis O'Neil/Neal Adams* Speedy drug issue.

DC continues its $4.99 96-page ***Giant*** program with ***Batman Giant #2*** (featuring 24 new pages of stories); ***Swamp Thing Giant #2*** (featuring 24 new pages of stories); ***DC War Giant #1*** (featuring 32 new pages of stories); ***Wonder Woman Giant #2*** (featuring 24 new pages of stories); and ***Crisis on Infinite Earths Giant #1*** (featuring 24 new pages of stories).

Across the universe, once-familiar faces now wear a different uniform and enforce a new type of galactic law in ***Green Lantern: Blackstars #1*** (by *Grant Morrison & Xermanico*). The Green Lantern Corps is dead—long live the Blackstars! A dangerous new chapter of the Green Lantern mythology starts now!

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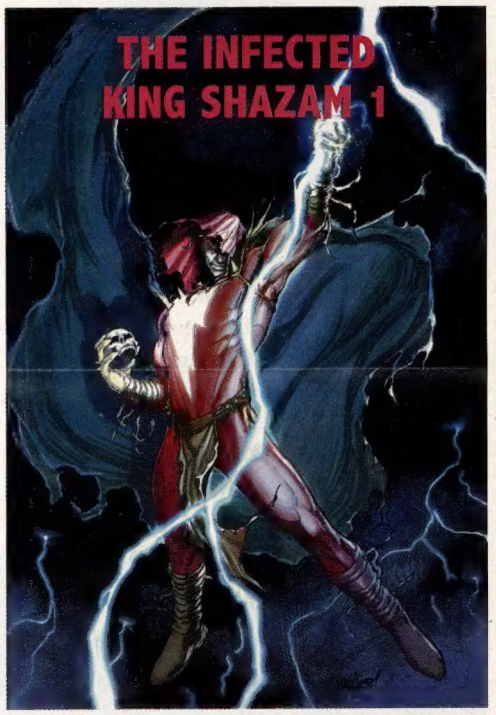
The scourge of Anti-Eternia is unleashed on the Multiverse in ***He-Man and the Masters of the Universe #1*** (by *Tim Seeley, Dan Fraga, & Richard Friend)*. Blazing a trail across the dimensions, he's devastating each version of Eternia and stealing its power. Now it's up to a ragtag team of surviving He-Men to recruit the one man in existence who might save them: Prince Keldor, the man who would be Skeletor!

John Constantine is back in London in ***John Constantine: Hellblazer #1*** (by *Si Spurrier & Aaron Campbell)*... and he's back to his old tricks as things have become very dark in his old stomping grounds. A small-time gang lord has found himself dealing with a big-time outbreak of supernatural weirdness... and without any allies to call on and nothing left to call his own, John doesn't have much choice about taking a paycheck from one of London's worst, or accepting the help of one of the gang lord's would-be foot soldiers. But what should be an open-and-shut exorcism turns out to be anything but...



Spinning out of the events of ***Batman/Superman*** and "Year of the Villain," ***The Infected: King Shazam #1*** (by *Sina Grace & Joe Bennett)* presents the tale of a hero whose soul has been turned black, and who has something to prove to the old guard. Buckle in for Shazam's journey to punch a bunch of so-called "gods" in the face and show the establishment exactly what the future looks like...

The most sinister evil this or any other world has ever seen has his sights set on turning Jaime Reyes toward the darkness in ***The Infected: Scarab #1*** (by *Dennis Hopeless & Freddie E. Williams II)*... and the Batman Who Laughs always gets what he wants.

Welcome to the 31st century! Inspired by the acts of and lessons learned from the greatest heroes of all time, the Legion of Super-Heroes have gathered together to stop a galaxy from repeating its past mistakes in ***Legion of Super-Heroes #1*** (by *Brian Bendis & Ryan Sook)*. The greatest lineup of heroes in comic book history returns with new, fresh, and reader-friendly stories! But why have the Legion of Super-Heroes broken the cardinal rule of the United Planets and inducted Jon Kent, aka Superboy, into the Legion?

For years, Vic Sage has worn the faceless mask of the Question to clean up the streets of Hub City by sheer force of will. He knows right from wrong. He knows black from white. But what happens when he is drawn into a conspiracy that reaches from the heights of Hub City power to the depths of its underground tunnels? Find out in ***The Question: The Deaths of Vic Sage #1*** (by *Jeff Lemire, Denys Cowan, & Bill Sienkiewicz)*.

From the pages of Dark Nights: Metal comes ***Tales from the Dark Multiverse: Blackest Night #1*** (by *Tim Seeley, Kyle Hotz, & Dexter Vines)*, a retelling of the Green Lantern event that changed the DC Universe forever... only this time, the Black Lanterns win! Now, 23 days after the apocalypse, witness the rise of Sinestro as the Limbo Lantern!

In ***Tales from the Dark Multiverse: Infinite Crisis #1*** (by *James Tynion IV, Aaron Lopresti, & Matt Ryan)*, not only does Blue

Beetle survive—he thrives! And after killing Maxwell Lord himself, Ted sets off a chain of events that irreversibly alters the lives of the Justice League and his best friend, Booster Gold. In trying to prevent a crisis, Blue Beetle *becomes* the Crisis!

Eleven-year-old Diana leads an idyllic life on the island of Themyscira. Cut off from the rest of the world, she's beginning to feel a little alone. Though she has a loving mother and many "aunties," she is an only child. In fact, she's the only child on the entire island! After an escapade goes wrong, Diana gets in trouble for not living up to the Amazonian standard in ***Diana, Princess of the Amazons TP*** (by *Shannon Hale, Dean Hale, & Victoria Ying).* She just can't seem to measure up, no matter what she does. Every other person on the island is an adult proficient in her trade and mighty in body, while she is gangly, sometimes clumsy, and not particularly good at anything. She's not Wonder Woman... yet, anyway.

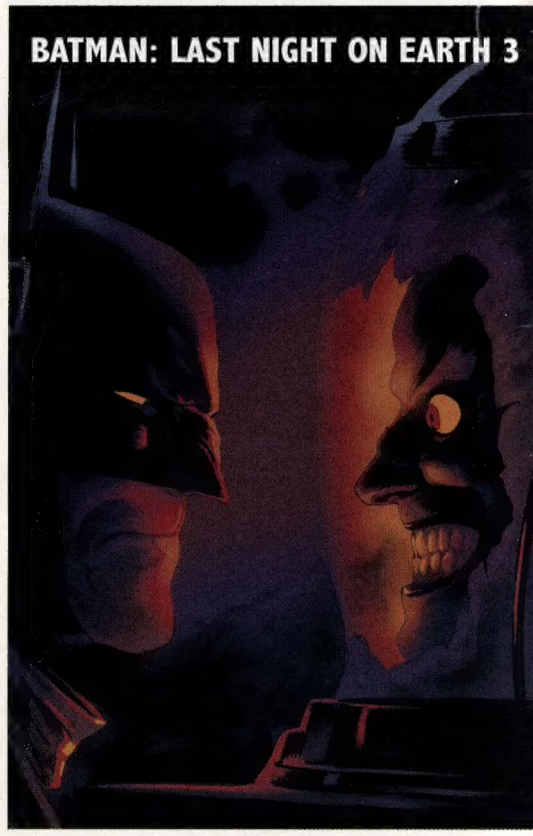
Twelve-year-old Tai Pham lives in the apartment above his grandmother's store, where his bedroom is crammed with sketchpads and comic books. But not even his most imaginative drawings could compare to the colorful adventure he's about to experience in ***Green Lantern: Legacy TP*** (by *Minh Le & Andie Tong).* When Tai inherits his grandmother's jade ring, he soon finds out it's more than it appears. Suddenly he's being inducted into a group of space cops known as the Green Lanterns.

Diana longs to prove herself to her legendary warrior sisters. But when the opportunity finally comes, she throws away her chance at glory and breaks Amazon law—risking exile—to save a mere mortal in ***Wonder Woman: Warbringer TP*** (adapted by *Louise Simonson* from the novel by *Leigh Bardugo,* with art by *Kit Seaton).* Even worse, Alia Keralis is no ordinary girl, and with this single brave act, Diana may have doomed the world, for Alia is a Warbringer—a direct descendant of the infamous Helen of Troy, fated to bring about an age of bloodshed and misery.

Thomas Wayne has joined forces with Bane, and that alliance threatens to throw a monkey wrench into Batman's plans in ***Batman #83*** (by *Tom King & Mikel Janin).* And as Bane's evil army begins to crumble, the Caped Crusader must face the real force behind it all.

After all these years, Derek Powers, long thought dead, returns in ***Batman Beyond #38*** (by *Dan Jurgens & Sean Chen)*! The lethal villain who now goes by the name Blight is back to terrorize Neo-Gotham while he hunts down Bruce Wayne!

Deadman's intervention into Chiaroscuro's plot to keep Batman out of his home dimension bears unexpected fruit in *Neal Adams'* ***Batman vsRa's Al Ghul #4.***



Gotham City has been remade in ***Batman: Last Night on Earth #3*** (by *Scott Snyder, Greg Capullo, & Jonathan Glapion).* Omega reigns supreme. Can Batman finally accomplish what no other hero has and free the world from his dark reflection's shadow?

A man was murdered, and the Batman is in his head—and he knows how it happened. All he has to do now is survive his own deduction in ***The Batman's Grave #2*** (by *Warren Ellis, Bryan Hitch, & Kevin Nowlan).*

Harley Quinn crosses paths with the Huntress in ***Birds of Prey #2*** (by *Brian Azzarello, Emanuela Lupacchino, & Ray McCarthy).* Meanwhile, grief over the death of a former partner won't stop the Black Canary as she takes measures to square off against the cruelest crime lords south of the border: Las Esposas de la Muerte.

Defeating her now-estranged husband, Mr Freeze, isn't enough to sate Nora Fries's bloodlust as she usurps his frozen throne, establishing herself as the first ice queen of Gotham in ***Detective Comics #1016*** (by *Peter Tomasi, Doug Mahnke, & Jaime Mendoza).*

Who is Leviathan? What do they want? How have they dismantled the most powerful secret agencies in the world? And what's their next deadly move? The greatest detectives of the DC Universe descend on Leviathan in ***Event Leviathan #6*** (by *Bryan Bendis & Alex Maleev),* the series finale.

The Flash discovers a way to reverse the Rogues' reign once and for all in ***The Flash #83*** (by *Joshua Williamson & Rafa Sandoval).* The only problem? To do that he must venture into the Weather Wizard Kingdom...

The rift between the Multiverse and Dark Multiverse is growing wider, and evil dark energy is threatening all the planets in its path! The destruction has now found its way to Earth-43, where Roy Harper is the world's premier vampire hunter, and Wally's only hope of surviving, in ***Flash Forward #3*** (by *Scott Lobdell, Brett Booth, & Norm Rapmund).*

The final battle for the fate of Earth-X begins in ***Freedom Fighters #11*** (by *Robert Venditti & Eddy Barrows),* and the last charge of the Freedom Fighters is underway! The team may have bested the defenses of the Nazi stronghold of Cheyenne Mountain, but now our heroes must face off against the combined might of the newly reconstructed Cyborg Overman, the evil Plastic Men, and the psychotic Hitler III!

In *Stjepan Sejic's* ***Harleen #3,*** the doomed doctor makes a choice she can never take back—one that seals her dark fate and gives rise to one of the most legendary villains of all time!

The Mad Hatter has a game of his own to play, and Poison Ivy and Harley Quinn must decide between fight and flight in ***Harley Quinn and Poison Ivy #3*** (by *Jody Houser, Adriana Melo, & Mark Morales).* And is that gift Lex Luthor dropped off for Ivy actually of any use?

The Tasmanian Devil comes to the team's aid in ***Inferior Five #3*** (by *Keith Giffen, Jeff Lemire, & Michelle Delecki)*... and he's pitted against someone or something that looks an awful lot like a giant starfish!

Jim Gordon and the GCPD have turned to profiler Harley Quinn for assistance in ***Joker/Harley Quinn: Criminal Sanity #2*** (by *Kami Garcia, Mike Mayhew, & Mico Suayan).* She's intrigued by the level of care and detail this new, depraved serial killer is putting into his crime scenes; there must be clues to his pathology in his artful staging. His level of meticulous preparation is unusual, but will it lead to or delay his capture?

Lex Luthor has assembled everything he needs to complete his plan of turning the world toward doom, including reviving the ancient goddess Perpetua and restoring her powers. But can he keep Perpetua from dragging the DC Universe into the abyss alongside the rest of the Multiverse? Find out in ***Justice League #36*** (by *Scott Snyder, James Tynion IV, & Francis Manapul).*

As Lois delves deeper into a mystery whose answers could shake the entire DC Universe to its core, the Question hunts the people responsible for an attempt on the famed reporter's life in ***Lois Lane #5*** (by *Greg Rucka & Mike Perkins).*

The Nth Metal Man has arrived from the Dark Multiverse right into Dr Klyburn's research site—and it will destroy anything that stands in the way of it trying to stay in our world. As Magnus, Gold, Platinum, Iron, Lead, and Mercury rush to Dr Klyburn's aid, one of them will meet their fate at the hands of Nth Metal Man in ***Metal Men #2*** (by *Dan DiDio, Shane Davis, & Michelle Delecki).*

What was Supergirl's last day on Krypton like? Find out in ***Supergirl Annual #2*** (by *Robert Venditti & Laura Braga).*

On the cusp of a new beginning, Wonder Woman must forge a fast alliance with a wild Amazon warrior from her past to halt The Cheetah's malicious massacre in ***Wonder Woman #83*** (by *Steve Orlando & Jesus Merino).*

Hunted to the point of exhaustion, June Branch struggles to outwit and outfight the home invader coming after her in ***Basketful of Heads #2*** (by *Joe Hill & Leomacs).* He's armed with a .44 and a secret agenda; she's got a thousand-year-old Viking relic and no way to escape.

John Constantine is loose again—and unfortunately for Tim Hunter, he's convinced the only way for the human race to survive is if Tim is taken off the board in ***Books of Magic #14*** (by *Kat Howard, Si Spurrier, & Tom Fowler).*

The devil arrives in the village of Haybury, West Yorkshire, with designs on building a quaint new life for himself. Unfortunately for Lucifer, the universe has other plans for him, as he finds himself directly in the crosshairs of a cosmic hunting party in ***Lucifer #14*** (by *Dan Watters & Fernando Blanco).*

Clark is a comic book fan just like you, and his favorite title is Doom Patrol! But Clark's fandom is put to the test when he literally falls into the reality of the world's weirdest superheroes in ***Doom Patrol: Weight of the Worlds #5*** (by *Becky Cloonan* with *Michael Conrad).*

In ***Wonder Twins #9,*** *Mark Russell & Stephen Byrne* reveal a stunning secret of the Wonder Twins that will change how you look at them forever! Tensions run high as Jayna takes in friend-turned-fugitive Polly Math and opens up about her family's painful past on Exxor, but they are soon interrupted when Batman and Superman call on Zan and Jayna for an all-star team-up against a rogue army!

Naomi drops by in ***Young Justice #10*** (by *Brian Bendis, John Timms, & Nick Derington)*! She's ready to join this team of young heroes who have seen it all—and you'll want to be here to watch the sparks fly for the very first time. All this, plus the true story of Jinny Hex.

DC's bargain-priced ***Dollar Comics*** reprints include:

- ***Blackest Night #1***
- ***Flashpoint #1***
- ***Infinite Crisis #1***
- ***Luthor #1*** (reprinting ***Lex Luthor: Man of Steel #1)***

DC collected editions (advance solicited for December and January release) include:

- ***Absolute Swamp Thing by Alan Moore Volume 2 HC,*** collecting ***Swamp Thing #s 35-50*** in an oversized slipcased edition.
- ***Aquaman Volume 1: Unspoken Water TP,*** collecting ***Aquaman #s 43-47.***
- ***Aquaman Volume 2: Amnesty HC,*** collecting ***Aquaman #s 48-53 & Annual #2.***
- ***Batgirl Volume 6: Old Enemies TP,*** collecting ***Batgirl #s 30-36.***
- ***Batman Volume 11: The Fall and the Fallen TP,*** collecting ***Batman #s 70-74 & Secret Files #2.***
- ***Batman: Detective Comics Volume 2—Arkham Knight HC,*** collecting ***Detective #s 1001-1005*** and more.
- ***Black Orchid TP,*** collecting the *Neil Gaiman-Dave McKean* series.
- ***Blackhawk: Blood & Iron HC,*** collecting the three-part miniseries and much more.
- ***Dial H for Hero Volume 1: Enter the Heroverse TP,*** collecting ***Dial H for Hero #s 1-6.***
- ***DC Poster Portfolio by Joshua Middleton TP,*** featuring large 12" x 16" posters of Middleton covers.
- ***Female Furies TP,*** collecting ***Female Furies #s 1-6*** and *Jack Kirby's* ***Mister Miracle #9.***.
- ***The Green Lantern Volume 1: Intergalactic Lawman TP,*** collecting *The Green Lantern* ***#s 1-6.***
- ***The Green Lantern Volume 2: The Day the Stars Fell HC,*** collecting *The Green Lantern* ***#s 7-12 & Annual #1.***
- ***Green Lantern: Rebirth Deluxe Edition HC,*** collecting ***Rebirth #s 1-6*** and ***Green Lantern Secret Files #1.***
- ***Harley Quinn & The Birds of Prey TP,*** collecting ***Detective #831, Nightwing/Huntress #2, Gotham Central #6, Batman #567, Catwoman #16,*** and more.
- ***Hawkman Volume 2: Deathbringer TP,*** collecting ***Hawkman #s 7-12.***

- ***Injustice 2 Volume 6 TP,*** collecting ***Injustice 2 #s 31-36 & Annual #2.***
- ***Justice League by Scott Snyder Deluxe Edition Book One HC,*** collecting ***Justice League #s 1-13*** and more.
- ***Mister Miracle by Steve Englehart & Steve Gerber HC,*** collecting ***Mister Miracle #s 19-25; The Brave & The Bold #s 112, 128, & 138;*** and ***DC Comics Presents #12.***
- ***Famous First Edition: New Fun #1,*** a treasury-sized hardcover reprint of DC's first-ever published comic book, ***New Fun #1,*** first published in 1935, along with essays by *Roy Thomas* and *Nicky Wheeler-Nicholson,* grand-daughter of DC founder *Major Malcolm Wheeler-Nicholson.*
- ***Pearl Volume 2 TP,*** collecting ***Pearl #s 7-12.***
- ***Promethea Deluxe Edition Book Two HC,*** collecting ***Promethea #s 13-24.***
- ***Super Friends: Saturday Morning Comics Volume 1 HC,*** collecting ***Super Friends #s 1-26*** and much more.
- ***Supergirl Volume 2: Sins of the Circle TP,*** collecting ***Supergirl #s 27-33.***
- ***Superman: For Tomorrow 15th Anniversary Deluxe Edition HC,*** collecting the twelve-issue series by *Brian Azzarello & Jim Lee.*
- ***Superman: Secret Origin Deluxe Edition HC,*** collecting ***Superman: Secret Origin #s 1-6*** by the ***Doomsday Clock*** team of *Geoff Johns & Gary Frank.*
- ***Superman/Batman Omnibus Volume 1 HC,*** collecting ***Superman/Batman #s 1-43*** and more.
- ***Swamp Thing: The Bronze Age Volume 2 TP,*** collecting ***Swamp Thing #s 14-24*** and more.
- ***Teen Titans/Deathstroke: The Terminus Agenda HC,*** collecting ***Deathstroke #s 41-43*** and ***Teen Titans #s 28-30.***
- ***Wonder Woman: The War of the Gods Omnibus HC,*** collecting ***War of the Gods #s 1-4, Wonder Woman #s 58-62, Superman: Man of Steel #58, Hawkworld #15 & 16, Starman #38, L.E.G.I.O.N.. '91 #31, Hawk and Dove #28, Captain Atom #56 & 57, Doctor Fate #32 & 33, Flash #55, Justice League Europe #31, Batman #470, Suicide Squad #58, The Demon #17,*** and ***The New Teen Titans #81.***
- ***The Watchmen Companion HC,*** collecting the long-out-of-print, rarely seen gaming material based on the landmark comic book series, including the ***Watchmen: Watching the Watchmen*** and ***Watchmen: Taking out the Trash*** game modules, along with the ***Watchmen Sourcebook,*** released in 1990 as part of the DC Heroes role-playing game—sanctioned by *Alan Moore,* including illustrations by artist *Dave Gibbons* created especially for the game, and expanding on the mythos of the ***Watchmen*** series.

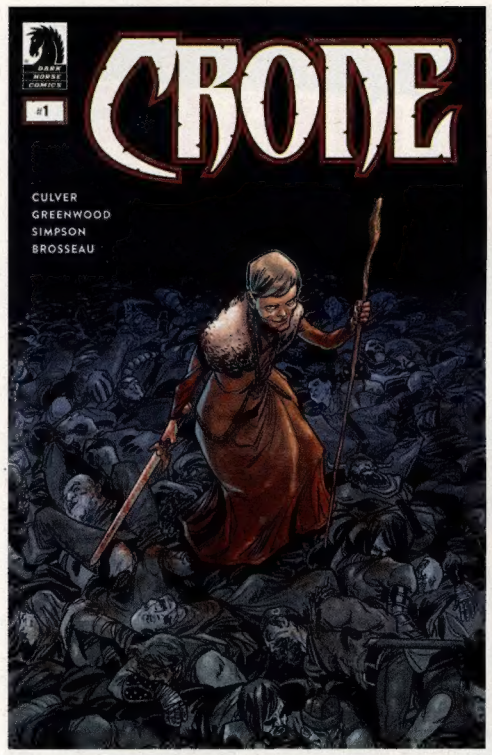
Coming in April from DC Collectibles

- ***DC Bombshells: The Huntress Statue,*** based on *Emanuela Lupacchino's* variant cover for 2015's ***Detective Comics #43.***
- ***DC Designer Series: Batman by Olivier Coipel Statue,*** based on Coipel's cover for the ***Dark Nights: Metal*** tie-in ***Batman: Lost.***
- ***DC Gallery: Red Son Batman Cowl,*** a 1:2 scale replica of Batman's headgear as it appeared in ***Superman: Red Son #1.***
- ***Batman: The Adventures Continue—Red Hood and Azrael Action Figures,*** 6" figures in the animated style known so well to Bat-fans.
- ***Harley Quinn Red, White, & Black: Harley Quinn by Adam Hughes Statue,*** a tri-colored version of the 9" statue Hughes designed for the Cover Girls line.

Coming Comics—Dark Horse in November

Want a *real* bargain for your buck? Then pick up ***Black Hammer 3 for $1,*** a 72-page comic featuring ***Black Hammer #1, Black Hammer: Sherlock Frthousand-year-oldankenstein #1,*** and ***Black Hammer: Quantum Age #1,*** for a net cost of 33¢ per comic!

In ***Black Hammer/Justice League: Hammer of Justice #5*** (by *Jeff Lemire & Michael Walsh),* Colonel Weird and the Green Lantern must convince the Black Hammer crew to go back to their own dimension to save the multiverse—which means giving up more than some may be willing to give.



The Sword Saviour and Champion of Men once known as Bloody Bliss is now nothing more than a reclusive old crone. Does she have the strength to answer the call for one last adventure? Find out in ***Crone #1*** (by *Dennis Culver & Justin Greenwood).*

During a tribute to beloved King Agnarr and Queen Iduna of Arendelle, Elsa and Anna stumble upon some old boxes of their parents' belongings in ***Disney's Frozen: True Treasure #1*** (by *Joe Caramagna & Kawaii Creative Studio).* What they find inside sparks one of their earliest childhood memories—and they begin an adventure of mystery and surprise.

When ***ElfQuest: The Final Quest*** concluded, it ended the hero's journey of Cutter Kinseeker, chief of the Wolfriders. But that was only the start of a new adventure for Cutter's "brother in all but blood," Skywise. In ***ElfQuest: Stargazer's Hunt #1*** (by *Wendy Pini & Richard Pini),* the stargazer elf, who thought he knew everything about Cutter, discovers how mistaken he was. That, combined with a tragic accident involving his daughter Jink, sends Skywise on a quest of his own, from the elves' ancestral Star Home through uncharted space, and back to the World of Two Moons.

Searching the stars for a new home for mankind, Grendel Prime encounters a strange and primitive alien race in *Matt Wagner's* ***Grendel: Devil's Odyssey #2***. Along with his drone companion, Sigma-Seven, the immortal cyborg must decide if humanity can coexist in a world where the inhabitants must literally hunt for water.

Hazel and Cha Cha—the bizarre assassins who first appeared in ***Umbrella Academy: Dallas*** and blew audiences away in the Netflix series—track down a rogue time agent and cross paths with a plot to discredit Christmas in the ***Hazel and Cha Cha Save Christmas: Tales from the Umbrella Academy*** oneshot.

Empowered by an ancient mask, the "Big Head" killer's swath of mayhem cuts through Edge City in ***The Mask: I Pledge Allegiance to the Mask #2*** (by *Christopher Cantwell & Patric Reynolds),* this time with presidential hopefuls as his targets. And after taking out the competition, Big Head himself makes a shocking announcement.

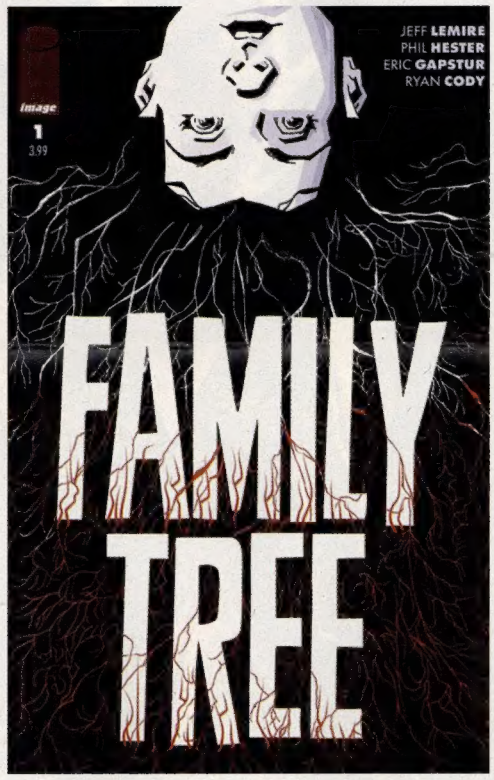
As she chases clues to solve the mystery of her grandmother's bloody memories, Lana's relationship with Blair starts to chip away and a love triangle looms in ***Ruby Falls #2*** (by *Ann Nocenti & Flavia Bondi).* Meanwhile, Blair is tempted to cross a line at Silks, and Clara takes one step further into the past—and out of safety.

Upon leaving the solar system, the Yamato plunges into a subspace void from which there is no escape in ***Star Blazers: Space Battleship Yamato 2199 Volume 3 TP*** (by *Michio Murakawa & Junichiro Tamamori).* Its ability to navigate lost, the Yamato receives a further shock when it turns out that an enemy Gamilan ship is also trapped in this strange dimension—and they've sent one of their top fighter aces, Melda Dietz, as an emissary to the humans to propose a truce... with a plan to work together to escape their cosmic prison!

Sir Edward Grey takes on London's most famous serial killer in ***Witchfinder: The Reign of Darkness #1*** (by *Mike Mignola, Chris Roberson, & Christopher Mitten).* But he's the only one who thinks Jack the Ripper's murders have an occult purpose. When Scotland Yard turns its back on him, Grey finds an ally in American occult adventurer Sarah Jewell. But the forces allied against their investigation are more powerful than either one of them imagines.

Dark Horse collected editions (advance solicited for December and January release) include:

- ***Aliens: Rescue TP,*** collecting the four-issue series.
- ***Fax from Sarajevo TP,*** a new edition of the moving graphic novel by *Joe Kubert.*
- ***Tomb Raider Omnibus Volume 2 TP,*** collecting ***Tomb Raider (2016) #s 1-12, Survivor's Crusade,*** and ***Inferno.***
- ***Trout Volume 2: The Hollowest Knock HC,*** collecting the four-issue miniseries.
- ***What's Michael? Fatcat Collection Volume 1 TP,*** collecting ***What's Michael? Volumes 1-6.***
- ***The Witcher Omnibus TP,*** collecting ***Witcher: House of Glass #s 1-4, Fox Children #s 1-5, Curse of Crows #s 1-5,*** and the ***Killing Monsters*** oneshot, along with annotations, sketches, and more.



Coming Comics—Image in November

When an eight-year-old girl literally begins to transform into a tree, her single mom, troubled brother, and possibly insane grandfather embark on a bizarre and heart-wrenching odyssey across the back roads of America in a desperate search for a way to cure her horrifying transformation in ***Family Tree #1*** (by *Jeff Lemire & Phil Hester).* But the farther they get from home, the more forces threaten to tear the family apart as fanatical cults, mercenaries, and tabloid paparazzi close in, determined to destroy the girl—or use her for their own ends.

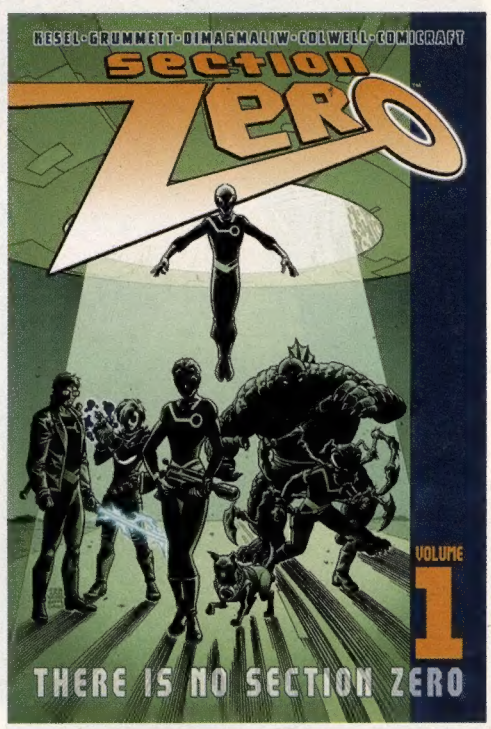
Gene therapy has saved Americans from disease-only to give birth to Variants: people with powers so unique, the government denies their human rights. But a rebellion has begun in ***Heart Attack #1*** (by *Shawn Kittelson, Eric Zawadski, & Michael Garland).* Charlie North is on the run from the police when he crosses paths with Jill Kearney. Instant attraction becomes mass destruction when they unlock powers neither knew they had.

When a small-town beat cop comes home to bury his murdered father-the revered Philadelphia detective James Sangster Sr.-he begins to unravel a mystery that leads him down a path of horrors that will shake his beliefs to their core in ***Killadelphia #1*** (by *Rodney Barnes & Jason Shawn Alexander).* The city that was once the symbol of liberty and freedom has fallen prey to corruption, poverty, unemployment, brutality… and vampires.

Journey into the near future in ***Undiscovered Country #1*** (by *Charles Soule, Scott Snyder, Giuseppe Camuncoli, & Daniele Orlandini),* to an unknown nation that was once the United States of America—a land that's become shrouded in mystery after walling itself off from the rest of the world without explanation over 30 years ago. When a team seeking a cure for a global pandemic breaches US borders, they quickly find themselves in a struggle to survive this strange and deadly lost continent.

Image collected editions include:

- ***Descender Deluxe Edition Volume 2 HC,*** collecting ***Descender #s 17-32.***
- ***Excellence Volume 1 TP,*** collecting ***Excellence #s 1-6.***
- ***Image Firsts Compendium Volume 3 TP,*** collecting the first issues of ***Ice Cream Man, Criminal, Copra, Oblivion Song, Gideon Falls, Isola, Trees,*** and ***Unnatural*** in one $5.99 trade paperback.
- ***Man-Eaters Volume 3 TP,*** collecting ***Man-Eaters #s 9-12.***
- ***Middlewest Book 2 TP,*** collecting ***Middlewest #s 7-12.***
- ***Postal: Deliverance Volume 1 TP,*** collecting ***Postal: Deliverance #s 1-4.***
- ***Realm Volume 3 TP,*** collecting ***The Realm #s 11-15.***
- ***Section Zero Volume 1: There Is No Section Zero TP,*** collecting ***Section Zero #s 1-6.***



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